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SERIAL NO.: 09/591,706 GROUP NO.: 2873
FILING DATE: June 9, 2000 EXAMINER: Scott J. Sugarman
TITLE: An Optical Probe Accessory Device for Use in *In-Vivo* Diagnostic Procedures

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

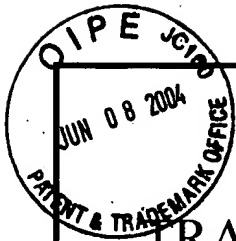
This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 26, 2004, in the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that the amendments and remarks that follow be considered, and that the rejections and objections made in the Office action be withdrawn. Applicants contend that in view of the amendments and remarks herein, the application is in condition for allowance.

Applicants submit herewith a check to cover the required fees. Applicants believe the check covers all required fees; however, if any fee is due, the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

In response to the Office action of March 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.



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ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

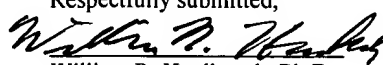
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